

Last year's results were as follow:—

	Appeared.	Passed.
B. L.	43	34
F. L.	53	22
Pledership	44	26

Girls' College.—Last year there were 5 students in the College and 405 girls in the High School Department as against 4 and 419 respectively during the previous year. It is satisfactory to note that one student passed from the College in the First-in-Arts Examination, and she is the first Nair lady in Travancore who has become an Undergraduate. Of the two ladies who passed the Matriculation Examination, one is also a Nair lady, who is now prosecuting her studies in the College for the F. A. Examination. The total net expenditure incurred in connection with this institution was Rs. 18,743 or Rs. 45·8 per head.

The Sanskrit College.—There were 197 students in 1080 against 180 in the year previous. 26 candidates appeared for and 19 passed the tests in Sanskrit conducted by the Board of Examiners appointed by Government. The cost to Government on account of the institution was Rs. 9,160 against Rs. 8,833 in the year previous.

The Reformatory.—There were only 5 inmates at the end of 1080 against 10 in 1079. The institution cost Government Rs. 1,423 against Rs. 2,411 in 1079.

Museum and Public Gardens.—The Museum was visited by over 2 lakhs of people during the year. A dolphin purchased from the local fishermen was identified by the authorities of the British Museum, as a specimen hitherto unrecorded in the Indian Ocean, having been found previously only in the North Pacific Ocean.

Owing to a number of applications for gardeners from the general public, the Director proposes to start a class for gardeners who for a small fee will be trained and when fit be granted a certificate.

22. **State Life Insurance.**—420 proposals were received and 9 deaths registered during the year. A sum of Rs. 852 was paid as bonus, the total payments up to the end of the year amounting to Rs. 4,419.

23. **Mining.**—In 1080 as in the previous year there were three mines working in plumbago. A sum of B. Rs. 6,875 was realised by Government during the year in the shape of royalty and export duty.

24. **Finance.**—Last year I gave you a brief description of the system of Finance and Accounts that was thereto followed and pointed out what its main defects were and how unsuited it was to the requirements of a progressive administration conducted on modern lines. I also gave you an account of the steps taken to remedy those defects and of the changes and improvements proposed to be carried out during the year that has passed.

I now give below a brief account of the progress made up to date under the four main heads of the proposed system of Finance and Accounts referred to in my last year's address.

i. *Treasury Procedure.*—In addition to the general Circular orders issued at the commencement of the year, several departmental orders were issued from time to time for the guidance of the Treasuries. The various departments of Government, the Account Office and the Treasuries have now understood the